



DISASTER PREPAREDNESS TIPS FOR PETS



Louisville Metro Department of Animal Services

Create a “Pet Emergency Kit” complete with:



- At least three days of food, water, and any medications that your pet may need
- Vet/vaccination records, etc.
- Collars/ID's, Harnesses, and/or leashes
- Pictures of you and other family members with your pet(s)
- Sanitation kit: pet litter, litter box, plastic trash bags and household chlorine bleach
- First Aid Kit: talk to your vet or contact Animal Services about what is most appropriate for your pet(s) emergency needs
 - Cotton bandage rolls, bandage tape and scissors, antibiotic ointment, flea and tick prevention, latex gloves, isopropyl alcohol, and saline solution
- Have a carrier or crate ready that your pet has been adapted to for safe transportation purposes
 - The carrier should be large enough to allow your pet to stand, turn around and lie down
- Consider microchipping your animal
- License your pet with the Louisville Metro Department of Animal Services

Develop and implement your family's emergency plan, DO NOT LEAVE YOUR PETS BEHIND!

- If you have enough notice, prepare an alternate home for your pet (family, friends, or local kennel) and get your pet there in advance
 - Space and temporary cages may be limited at temporary sheltering locations, so if you have to respond to a shelter with your pet, make sure it is in a carrier (plan in advance and purchase one now)
- Pay attention to news briefs, social media, city updates, and check the Louisville Metro government website for up to the minute status information on shelters in your area
- Know which local hotels/motels will take pets, or which animal boarding facilities take pets before a disaster during emergencies



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